(b) what are the corresponding figures of such earnings of the Railways during 1992-93 and 1993-94 zone-wise; and

(c) what is the total volume of goods carried by the Railway wagons during the current financial year and the corresponding figures of the last two financial years?

THE MINISTER OF OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b): A statement is attached (*See* below)

(c) During the current year, from April, 1994 to January, 1995 the Railways have carried 297.17 million tonnes of freight traffic. Freight traffic carried in the corresponding period of 1993-93 and 1993-94 was 286.20 and 290.36 million tonnes, respectively.

Statement

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS THROUGH FREIGHT AND PARCEL CHARGES.

Earnings from Freight and parcel charges

(In Crores of Rupees)

Railway	1992-93 (Actuals)		1993-94 (Actuals)		1994-95 (Estimated)	
	Freight	Parcel	Freights	Parcels	Freight	Parcel
Central	1684.94	41.23	1999.78	46.12	2040.00	54.78
Eastern	1283.07	16.18	1499.80	16.90	1645.00	16.86
Northern	1726.29	52.90	1978.18	64.84	2045.00	65.50
North Eastern	178.05	7.21	183.01	3.44	180.00	6.57
Northeast Frontier	225.52	5.36	230.02	3.78	245.00	4 20
Southern	546.25	25.65	624.79	37.85	725.00	41.44
South Central	1047.76	28.64	1246.60	26.94	1280.00	26 67
South Eastern	2585 81	22.83	2965.14	24.55	3435.00	26.68
Western	1625.34	23.39	1830.04	24.40	2105.00	25.73
TOTAL	10903.03	223.39	12557.36	248.82	13700.00	268.43

ilow growth of railway transport system

1418. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will he Minister fo RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth ate of railway trnsport system in he country is slow;

(b) if so, what are the reasons nerefor; and

(c) what effective steps are being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Rail transport is a derived demand and is linked to growth of economy. Adequate rail transport capacity exists to meet the present demand of traffic.